of Production Supply and Distribution) Bill 1992" is before the Lok Sabha for consideration.

Rationalisation of House/Property Taxes

@@@3521-C. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to rationalise the house and property taxes and ensure that this does not cripple the fixed wage earners and the middle class; and

(b) whether Government also propose to take into account various judgements of Supreme Court etc. on the subject in order to protect the legitimate property owners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The levy of taxes on land and buildings falls within the State List of the Constitution. Hence, State Govts. are competent to take a decision on the issue of rationalisation of House/Property Taxes. As far as the Union Govt. is concerned, there is no such proposal under its consideration.

Progress of toll bridge connecting Noida with Maharani Bagh in Delhi

@@@@3521-D. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high-powered Steering Committee has been appointed to review the progress made for the proposed Yamuna Toll Bridge (YTB) connecting Noida in Uttar Pradesh with Maharani Bagh in Delhi;

(b) the terms of reference of the Committee and by when the Committee is likely to submit its report; and

(c) whether any date has been fixed for starting of construction work of the bridge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) It is reported that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed with NOIDA and Delhi Administration by M/s. Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Ltd. (IL & FS) for the construction of a toll-way bridge over Yamuna for the easier movement of NOIDA population to South Delhi. The IL & FS set up a steering Committee to monitor the implementation of the project.

(b) and (c) It is reported that the Steering Committee will monitor the progress of the project and is not expect to submit any report. It is reported that no firm date has been decided for starting construction of the project as the work is at a preliminary stage.

Requirement of Chemical Fertilisers to Madhya Pradesh

£3521-E. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: SHRI VENOD SHARMA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of chemical fertilisers required in Madhya Pradesh every year for each of the cropping season;

(b) the quantity of fertilisers allocated by Government for the current kharif and ensuing rabi season to Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the fertilisers supply to the State; and

@@Previously Unstarred Question 2968, Transferred from 5th August, 1992.

@@@@Previously Unstarred Question 3069 Transferred from 5th August, 1992.

£Previously Unstarred Question 3115 Transferred from 6th August, 1992.

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) A statement indicating the season-wise consumption of fertiliser nutrients in Madhya Pradesh for the years 1989-90 ,1990-91 and 1991-98 is attached. (See below)

(b) 5.30 lakh tonnes of fertiliser nutrients have been allocated to Madhya Pradesh for the current kharif. The requirement of fertilisers for ensuing Rabi, 92-93 season will be assessed in consultation with the State Government before the commencement of the season.

(c) and (d) The supply of fertilisers to Madhya Pradesh will be made to the extent of assessed requirement.

Statement

Consumption of fertilizers in Madhya Pradesh

('000 tonnes)

	Kharif 89	Rabi 89—90	Total 1989-90	Kharif 90	Rabi 90—91	Total 1990-91	Kharif 91 (Estt.)	Rabi 91—92 (Estt.)	Total 1991-92 (Estt.)
N :	198·29	174·30	372·59	237·68	239·87	477·55	268·38	234·78	503·16
P :	148·33	115·40	263·73	143·59	148·73	292·32	162·06	150·04	312·10
K :	26 97	11.40	38·37	27·56	14·92	42·48	30·79	15·18	45·97
TOTAL :	373·59	301·10	674.69	408·83	403·5	812·35	461.23	400·00	861·23

Esstt : Estimated

Agreement with FAO for vegetable oils

£ £3521-F. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement between the Government of India and the Food and Agricultural Organisation on long term policy for vegetable oils was signed in New Delhi on February 7, 1992; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir. It was signed on February 6, 1992.

(b) The agreement was for a technical cooperation programme for examining long-term policy strategies for vegetable oils in India (Phase II). The first phase related to studies on various aspects for development of the oilseed sector and the long-term implications for production, processing marketing and consumption. The present project which is an extension of Phase-I, covers the study of (a) strategies and policy isuues for development of oilseeds (b) specific areas for immediate action and (c) technical assistance priorities. The project is financed by FAO's Technical Cooperation Programme with an allocation of US Dollar 30,000.

£ £Previously Unstarred Question 3095, Transferred from 6th August, 1992.